



Improving Child Welfare Services

San Bernardino County

Department of Children's Services (DCS)

AB636 System Improvement Plan (2006)

The San Bernardino System Improvement Plan (SIP) requires the focus on the following goals for the next 3 years:

➡ **Rate of Foster Care Re-Entry (3F/3G)**

- ❑ **Goal 1.0:** Improve data input regarding foster care and placement
- ❑ **Goal 2.0:** Improve post-reunification planning.
- ❑ **Goal 3.0:** Improve post-reunification services and stabilization.

➡ **Timeliness to Adoptions (3D)**

This federal outcome measure compares the number of children who were adopted from Child Welfare Services supervised foster care during a 12-month study period with the number of those same children who had been in care for less than 24-months.

- ❑ **Goal 1.0:** Increased quality of communication between adoptions and CPS
- ❑ **Goal 2.0:** Increase monitoring, compliance, and data tracking of management reports
- ❑ **Goal 3.0:** Implement SB 218, legislation (2005) that, under specified circumstance, authorizes a court to designate a current caregiver as a "prospective adoptive parent" if the caregiver has met the threshold criteria contained in the legislation
- ❑ **Goal 4.0:** Fully implement Family To Family in target areas

➡ **Children Transitioning to Self-Sufficient Adulthood (8A)**

This measure is designed to reflect the degree to which children and families are receiving the service necessary to provide for their care a developmental needs.

- ❑ **Goal 1.0:** Expand and improve the quality of ILP data
- ❑ **Goal 2.0:** Increase early awareness and exposure to ILP for youth, foster parents and relatives
- ❑ **Goal 3.0:** Increase number of foster children passing the State High School Exit Exam by 2% the first year (2005-06) and 5% the next year (2006-07)
- ❑ **Goal 4.0:** Provide alternative paths to self-sufficiency for those foster youth who do not pass the State High School Exit Exam and do not have a reasonable expectation of graduating or completing high school

➡ **Fairness and Equity in Child Welfare Services**

This measure examines how well the County's child welfare system provides appropriate culturally competent services, resources and support in order to ensure that all children and families, regardless of racial/ethnic background or special needs, obtain similar benefit from child welfare interventions and attain equally positive outcomes.

- ❑ **Goal 1.0:** Embed fairness and equity in the criteria used for all case decisions, particularly at critical decision points (1) Prevention and Intake, (2) Placement and FM/FR Decision (3) FR and ongoing services (4) Permanent Placement and ongoing services and (5) Transition Age Youth (Aftercare) and (6) Adoptions
- ❑ **Goal 2.0:** Evaluate data in order to identify factors that correlate to high risk of entering the system and high risk of remaining in the child welfare system for a disproportionately long period of time
- ❑ **Goal 3.0:** Increase availability and access to resources and services, which are culturally competent and appropriate to the special needs of children and their families
- ❑ **Goal 4.0:** Establish a Community Liaison position to facilitate the Fairness and Equity Improvement goals